

Defendant Wachovia Mortgage, a division of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., formerly known as Wachovia Mortgage, FSB ("Wells Fargo") moves this court for an order expunging the *lis pendens* the plaintiff, Dimitritza Toromanova ("Toromanova"), recorded with the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No. 201202100002038 on February 10, 2012 in connection with this action. Wells Fargo bases this motion on the following memorandum of points and authorities, the papers on file with this Court, including the Complaint, any documents incorporated by reference or attached to the Complaint, recorded documents which the Court may take judicial

notice of, and any oral argument that this Court may entertain.

DATED this 3rd day of April 2013.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

Toromanova commenced this action by filing a Complaint in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada on February 10, 2012, concerning real property located at 2912 Hot Cider Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89031 (the "Property"). In connection with the action, Toromanova filed a Notice of Lis Pendens, which Toromanova also recorded with the Clark County Recorder on February 10, 2012, as Instrument No. 201202100002038.¹ Wells Fargo removed the action to this Court and subsequently responded to the Complaint by filing a Motion to Dismiss and to Expunge Lis Pendens, which defendant National Default Servicing Corporation ("NDSC") joined. On June 25, 2012, this Court entered an order dismissing Toromanova's claims with prejudice as to Wells Fargo, and with leave to amend her third and fourth causes of action as against NDSC.² Because the Court granted Toromanova leave to amend two causes of action as to NDSC, the Court declined to expunge the *lis pendens* at that time.³ Toromanova then filed an amended complaint purporting to join new defendants to the action and alleging new causes of action against all parties, including Wells Fargo.

Consequently, Wells Fargo again filed a motion to dismiss (Doc. #23). In addition, NDSC filed a Motion to Strike Plaintiff's Amended Complaint and to Dismiss Case (Doc. #28). On March

See Notice of Lis Pendens, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

 $^{^{2}}$ (Doc. # 21)

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28, 2013, this Court entered an order dismissing Toromanova's claims with prejudice and directing the Clerk of the Court to enter judgment in favor of Wells Fargo and NDSC.⁴

Under NRS 14.010, "[i]n an action . . . affecting the title or possession of real property, the plaintiff, at the time of filing the complaint . . . shall record with the recorder of the county in which the property, or some part thereof, is situated, a notice of pendency of the action"

"The purpose of recording the lis pendens is to give 'constructive notice to a purchaser or encumbrancer of the property affected thereby' that the title to the property is disputed." When such an action is dismissed, however, the *lis pendens* must be cancelled. Here, the Court entered an order dismissing Toromanova's claims with prejudice. Accordingly, there is no longer an action affecting the title or possession of the Property. Therefore, Wells Fargo respectfully requests that the Court enter an order expunging the *lis pendens* Toromanova recorded against the Property in connection with this action on February 10, 2012, as Instrument No. 201202100002038.

DATED this 3rd day of April 2013.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS SO ORDERED this 23rd day of October, 2013.

Gloria M. Navarro United States District Judge DAVID J. MERRILL, P.C.

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⁽Doc. # 39).

⁵ See Coury v. Tran, 111 Nev. 652, 655, 895 P.2d 650, 652 (1995) (quoting NRS 14.010(3)).

See, e.g., Johnson v. Truckee River Highlands HOA, 2010 WL 4974869, *5 (D. Nev. Nov. 29, 2010) ("[B]ecause the case is dismissed there is no longer an action pending affecting the title or possession of the property"); Rivera v. Nat'l Default Serv. Corp., 2012 WL 2789015, *4 (D. Nev. Jul. 6, 2012); Madrigal v. ReconTrust Co., N.A., 2012 WL 2047992, *4 (D. Nev. Jun. 6, 2012).

⁷ See generally Order (Mar. 28, 2013) (Doc. #39).

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The nature of the suit is, to acquire unencumbered Quiet Title in her name, that all monies fraudulently collected returned per law, and all fines for violations be paid, to Plaintiff. 2 3 **CASE LAW** 4 Commonwealth of Massachusetts the Trial Court Department Memorandum and order on the Plaintiffs' Motions to Vacate Judgment U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOICATION V 5 Antonio Ibanez case no. 08 MISC 384283 (KCL) and WELLS FARGO BANK 6 V. Mark A Larace and Tammy L. Larace Case no. 08 MISC 386744 KCL To accept the plaintiffs' arguments is to allow them to take someone's home without any 7 demonstrable right to do so, based upon the assumption that they ultimately will be able to show that they have that right and the further assumption that potential bidders will be 8 undeterred by the lack of a demonstrable legal foundation for the sale and will nonetheless bid 9 full value in the expectation that that foundation will ultimately be produced, even if it takes a year or more. The law recognizes the troubling nature of these assumptions, the harm caused 10 if those assumptions proved erroneous, and commands otherwise. For the foregoing reasons, the plaintiffs' motions to vacate the Judgment in these cases are DENIED SO ORDERED BY 11 THE COURT (Long, J.) Dated 14 October 2009 12 WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 10 H day of Feb, 2011 13 14 15 Respectfully Submitted, 16 Without recourse 17 18 Dimitritza Toromanova 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 CERTIFIED COPY 26 DOCUMENT ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY 27 OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE 28 CLERK OF THE COURT

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